

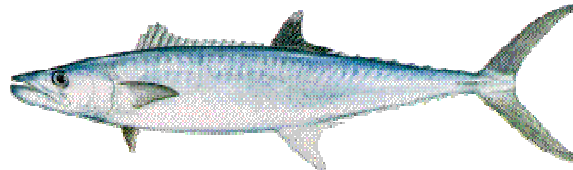
# Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey



## 1997 Fact Sheet

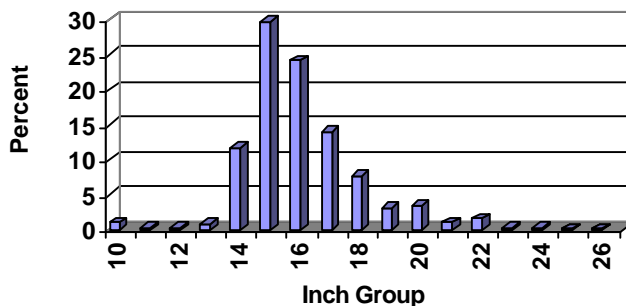


### Florida Gulf Coast

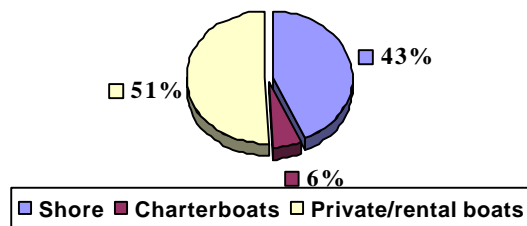


Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
DOLPHINS	865	11774	121
SPOTTED SEATROUT	1147	1782	8084
SHEEPSHEAD	632	1318	735
KING MACKEREL	409	4183	83
SPANISH MACKEREL	894	1406	785

**Harvested Spotted Seatrout  
Length Frequency**



**Saltwater Fishing Trips by  
Mode 1997 Total: 12.95 million**



### Did You Know...?

- ★ Nearly 2.6 million anglers participated in recreational saltwater fishing off Florida's Gulf coast in 1997.
- ★ More spanish mackerel were caught by anglers off Florida's Gulf coast in 1997 than from any other state.
- ★ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 350 species of fish caught in Florida waters.
- ★ Over 300,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at Florida fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.